

Operations Community -

I'm writing this message to make you aware of some key updates affecting our Community of Practice.

- After developing the Operations Project Manager Community of Practice, the Product Delivery Team transitioned to an Advisory Board in May at the NRM/OPM Conference in St. Louis. Thanks again to Tom Fleeger for his outstanding leadership and to the strong efforts of the PDT.
- The OPM CoP Advisory Board is intended to sustain the momentum established by the originating PDT. Challenges for the OPM CoP are to help us continue to be adaptive, situationally aware and strong as a guiding coalition of the willing, representing the footprints of our people, infrastructure and natural resources.
- The OPM CoP Advisory Board is working on several key products, some remaining from the development PDT. These include an OPM career guide, key position description elements, CAP program opportunities for OPM's, regional and national OPM conferences, learning organization tools and a doctrinal statement of the OPM role in PMBP (currently under review by Gen. Riley's office). Additionally, we're offering comments to a revision effort of the ER 5-1-11.
- The PDT made significant improvements to the OPM Prospect Training. This year's training will be in the Washington, DC area from 1-5 August. Concurrent to the OPM Prospect Training, Dr. Bonnie Bryson from ERDC is leading a Content Development Workshop for the OPM CoP Website in DC.
- Your OPM CoP Advisory Board members include Dwight Beall (NAB), Jonathan Davis (SAM), Greg Pope (SWF), Tom Fleeger (SWF), Mike Ensich (LRN), Dennis Norris (MVK) and Susan Champine (SPA). I am chairing the Advisory Board this year.
- Marty Mendiola, an OPM in NWW, has agreed to be the "keeper of the OPM e-mail list". Please contact him directly when you are aware of needs or changes to the e-mail list. Also, Marty has been added as a Groove Workspace Manager for the OPM Ops Project Managers Groove Workspace, so he can invite new participants when he changes the e-mail list.
- Next week marks the transition of Mike White to LRD and Gerry Barnes to the Chief, Operations & Regulatory CoP at HQUSACE. Mike, we sincerely appreciate your understanding, wisdom, strong sense of urgency for our mission and commitment to its success. We wish you well as you transition to your new role. Gerry, we welcome your leadership and are with you to support continuous improvement and sustained viability of Operations and Regulatory functions. We also welcome your support in strengthening the corporate understanding of the OPM role in program development and execution.

Respectfully,

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